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I am part  
of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS  
or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no  
hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed:

- 1) MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers  
interested in porting it or understanding the document  
formats can do so either in form of a source code licence  
or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries",  
so that applications on non-Windows OSs can read and  
write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with  
Windows users.
- 2) The Win32 API needs to be available so that BeWine can  
be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too.
- 3) The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users  
can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.
- 4) The ruling must include a "must-carry" rule, so that  
any OEM Microsoft is supplying Windows with HAS to  
"dual-boot" an alternative operating system, in this case  
BeOS, in order to remedy the damage MS has done to BeOS  
in the past.

I'm develop for BeOS in my spare time, and had actual plans to work at  
Be once I finished college. Unfortunately, this won't be possible, due  
to a lot of reasons, some of them stated above -- basically Be's death  
was due to Microsoft's bussines practices.

I sincerely hope there's light at the end of the tunnel - I've been  
living with BeOS as my main operating system for three years, and  
couldn't possibly picture myself running another operating system.

Regards

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